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THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION

1. Medical research is carried out principally in the medical faculties of the universities but can also be performed at the State Public Health Institute (SZU) in Prague and in Bratislava. Only very minor research can be performed at hospitals. The SZU and hospitals are, however, not primarily fitted for research in the Slovakian areas. The SZU at Prague is ideally equipped for research activities. Medical faculties are available at Prague, Brno, Olomouc, Pilsen (branch), Ceske Budejovice (branch), Bratislava, Kosice (branch) and at Hradec Kralove. The latter is a medical faculty for the training of physicians for the armed forces only. It trains men for active duty and for the reserves. A regular five-year course of training is offered at Hradec Kralove. The surgeon at Trnava hospital, Dr. Kokura, who has studied in Paris and London, is carrying on research on blood circulation. He has received some materials from France to aid his work.

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[redacted] In 1951 there was a draft of physicians into the army who might be used for scientific control of job placement

3. Medical personnel assessment, selection, assignment, and promotion are based on the following considerations:

- extent of activity in the Communist Party;
- attitude towards the Soviet Union;
- attitude towards Soviet medical practice;
- personal initiative;

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- (e) number of medical publications; -2-
- (f) attendance at professional meetings;
- (g) personal relations with coworkers;
- (h) personal handling of patients and record of successful treatment;
- (i) extent of attention to training of assistants;

In January 1952 all physicians were required to sign a pledge to perform medical duties well. Each physician is now judged on the basis of his response to this pledge.

4. Psychiatric studies and psychological procedure to determine an individual's fitness for job assignments are not used. During World War II Prof Anton Jurovsky, Professor of Psychology at the University of Bratislava, and Director of Psycho-Techniques, popularized the use of stimulus response to determine job aptitudes. His procedures included response to certain questions, simulation of job situations such as auto-driving. Emphasis on such methods has been greatly decreased under the Communist regime. Job assignments are made on the basis of labor needs, not on individual fitness. White collar workers were regularly forced into factory work. People were also placed in work for which they were not physically qualified. The government set up an Institute for the Medical Care of Workers in 1950, under the direction of Dr Nosal. This organization was designed to assist in the selection of workers for particular kinds of work on the basis of medical fitness. The existence of the Institute was not publicized and the average worker has no knowledge of its activities. But appeal to this Institute is possible.

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5. [redacted] A job applicant must have technical training, and a year's indoctrination in the principles of Marx-Leninism. The latter was more important because a candidate might be assigned to a position where his technical training was not applicable. The Ministry of Industry has set up training centers where boys of 17 receive fundamental instruction in one type of work. These centers are known as Zaviovacie Stredisko. Here the boys are given military treatment and very good preliminary job training for a period of four months. After this training the boys usually go to an Industrial School where they continue their technical training. It is not required that the students who continue into the Industrial School have a secondary school background. After completion of Industrial School students may go on to a university. Candidates for this course, which serves as an accelerated preparation for university study, are selected from working-class families. The family of the candidate receives some financial help during the time the youth is being trained in a specialized school. The reverse of this situation has occurred in Slovakia. A son of a banker was dismissed from his last year in medical school and sent to work in a factory. The actual extent of such punitive action against students from the "new-worker" class is not known. There is no real system which regulates job assignments and job promotions. Medical examinations, or scientific testing based on physiological or psychological factors, are either not given or not used as a basis for job selection.

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[redacted] It is possible that studies on adaptation to air flight may be going on. There is an aviation training school in Prostejov or Přerov, south of Olomouc, at which physiological adaptation studies may be going on [redacted]

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Concerning high altitude flights, [redacted] stratospheric flight might be under investigation. [redacted]

Nothing new is being taught except what the US developed up until 1945. Prof Ivan Macela (US trained), an experimental pathologist in the University of Bratislava before the war, was interested in this work.

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[redacted] In the event or need for large numbers of surgeons, these would be obtained from the University staffs. In 1944, after the Soviets bombed Nitra, the Bratislava surgical clinic was called upon and sent four or five teams to Nitra to assist in handling operative cases.

7. There is research being carried out at a canning plant in the village of Cifer [4819N-1730E] 10 km SW of Trnava, where various kinds of meat are canned and poultry is frozen and preserved. In Dunajska Streda [4759N-1737E] there is a plant, a branch of the canning factory in Cifer, where potatoes, and also goose livers preserved in goose fat, are canned. Only a very small amount of the plant output reaches the market, so that it is likely that the output is for military supplies. Canning industries in Slovakia are handicapped by a lack of good food engineers. A tomato-processing plant in Trnava had a shipment of its product returned from England because of its bad quality. A chocolate-and-nut packaging plant in Trnava also had returned to it from England a worm-infested batch. Both spoiled products were placed on sale to the population. Work on food substitutes has been unsuccessful in some cases. Soya beans have been used to replace peanuts in chocolate bars, but the product is not accepted. A synthetic lemonade has been issued which is unpleasant to take. A tea substitute made by using the leaves of blackberry trees is not well received though tea itself is scarce.

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8. [redacted] Clothing for wet-cold conditions is not available to the general public. Wool is in good supply for military purposes. Civilians have a choice of very poor quality material made with cellulose additives or of fairly good material at exorbitant prices. [redacted] Hides were formerly obtained from South America. Hides now come from the USSR and are allegedly riddled with holes from worm infestation. Clothing distribution is poor and not appropriate to the season. Tropical clothing receives no attention, and tropical diseases are not studied in the CSR. In hot weather troops wear a light linen uniform.

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9. Red Cross activities in conducting first-aid courses represent the only work done in the field of rescue or survival problems. The Red Cross sponsors a first-aid course lasting one to two months.

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[redacted] Chlorinated lime is used, even in cold weather, for sewage disinfection. Portable filtration units are carried by troops for water purification in rear combat areas. However, the soldiers normally drink any water in combat zones. The USSR Army has no water-filtering units [redacted]. There is no new development in insecticides, chemo-prophylaxis, and malaria treatment in Slovakia

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